THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The actual production of iodized salt from 1-4-1987 to 30-11-1987 is 9,77,871 tonnes, as against the annual target of 12 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) The total requirement of iodized salt for the whole country is expected to be of the order of 50 lakh M.T. However, the scheme of iodization of entire edible salt in the country will be implemented in a phased manner keeping in view the decision to achieve universal iodization of edible salt by 1992.

Foreign Collaboration proposals

1103. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign collaboration proposals which have been approved for implementation during 1987;

(b) the names of those countries with which those collaborations were approved; and

(c) the total investment in each of these proposals, by when these are likely to fructify and the other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 853 foreign collaboration proposals were approved during the year, 1987. Details of these approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

(c) Out of 853, 242 proposals involve financial participation by foreign companies amounting to Rs. 10,770.575 lakhs. The financial details of individual proposals are not disclosed in the public interest. It generally takes 2 years or more for an approval for foreign collaboration to reach the stage of production. Follow-up of the approvals and watching the implementation thereof is the responsibility of the Administrative Ministries and the State Governments and no centralised information is available about the number of the proposals which have already fructified and which are likely to fructify in the near future.

Targets under the selfemployment scheme

1104. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for 1988-89 under the self-employment schemes for the educated unemployed youth in the country, state-wise; and

(b) the state-wise details of the amount earmarked to implement the scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Targets for 1988-89 will be fixed as soon as the budget is voted.

(b) Under the scheme, the Central Government allocates to States only physical targets in terms of number of beneficiaries and do not allot funds to any particular State to implement the scheme. Banks sanction loans to the beneficiaries on the recommendations of DIC Task Force. The capital subsidy to the extent of 25 per cent on each loan contracted is paid out of Central Budget routed through Reserve Bank of India.